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SUBJECT: BAHRAINI HEIR APPARENT TO VISIT MOROCCO

- 1. BAHRAIN'S HEIR APPARENT/DEFENSE MINISTER, SHAIKH HAMAD BIN SULMAN AL KHALIFA, WILL MAKE PRIVATE VISIT TO MOROCCO FOR TWO-THREE DAYS PROBABLY BEGINNING MAY 27. SHAIKH HAMAD TOLD US VISIT IS AT INVITATION OF PRINCE ABDULLAH. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY FOREIGN MINISTER, SHAIKH MOHAMMAD BIN MUBARAK AL KHALIFA. AND PERHAPS BY HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN.
- 2. THOUGH VISIT IS PRIVATE ONE, AS YET UNANNOUNCED, SHAIKH HAMAD TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT HE INTENDED TO HAVE SOME SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH KING HASSAN. HE EXPRESSED GREAT ADMIRATION FOR KING HASSAN, PARTICULARLY FOR KING'S OPEN AND STRONG SUPPORT FOR SADAT INITIATIVE. SHAIKH HAMAD SAID HE WANTED TO SEEK KING HASSAN'S VIEWS ON WHAT MODERATE ARABS CAN DO OVER NEW TERM TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER IN FACE OF RADICALS' MACHINATIONS.
- 3. SHAIKH HAMAD IS YOUNG (ABOUT 28) MAN WHO IS VERY INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING CLOSE CONTACTS, AND A STATESMAN'S REPUTATION, THROUGHOUT ARAB WORLD. HE IS CLOSE FRIEND OF JORDANIAN CROWN PRINCE AND EVEN CLOSER FRIEND OF SAUDI PRINCE BANDAR BIN SULTAN (SON OF DEFMIN). SHAIKH HAMAD VISITED MOROCCO ABOUT FOUR YEARS CONFIDENTIAL

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AGO FOR WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS A "FINE PARTY" WITH PRINCE ABDULLAH.
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